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DEPT ALSO PASS NEA/ARN - AMBASSADOR MURPHY

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: OREP (HAMILTON, LEE)
SUBJ: CODEL HAMILTON

REF: STATE 148260 AND PREVIOUS

1. EMBASSY MET WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY PROTOCOL JUNE 30 TO
SKETCH OUT ARRANGEMENTS FOR CODEL VISIT. WE TOOK AS WORKING
PREMISE THAT CODEL WOULD ARRIVE IN DAMASCUS INTERNATIONAL
AIRPORT AT 1330 JULY 9 AND DEPART FOR AMMAN AT 1200 JULY 10.
IT WAS AGREED THAT NO OFFICIAL PROGRAM WOULD BE ARRANGED
AT THIS TIME FOR CODEL JULY 10 BUT SIGHTSEEING/SHOPPING
TOUR OR OFFICIAL CALLS COULD BE ORGANIZED FOR THOSE NOT
OTHERWISE ENGAGED.

2. DETAILS OF PROGRAM AS WE NOW FORESEE IT ARE AS FOLLOWS:
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(ALL TIMES LOCAL, I.E., GMT PLUS 3):

SATURDAY, JULY 9

1330 ARRIVE DAMASCUS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. MET

BY AMBASSADOR MURPHY AND SYRIAN PROTOCOL
OFFICERS

1415 ARRIVE MERIDIEN HOTEL

1500 ARRIVE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENT FOR EMBASSY/
USAID BRIEFING

1600 (APPROX) MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER KHADDAM

1800 (APPROX) MEETING WITH PRESIDENT ASSAD. IN SYRIAN
PRACTICE EXACT TIME OF MEETING WITH PRESIDENT IS NOT
SET UNTIL AFTER DELEGATION HAS ARRIVED IN SYRIA.

2000 BUFFET DINNER AT AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE WITH
CROSS-SECTION OF SYRIAN GUESTS (ABOUT 50
GUESTS TOTAL, INCLUDING CODEL).

SUNDAY, JULY 10

MORNING PROGRAM TO BE ARRANGED

1115 DEPART MERIDIEN HOTEL FOR DAMASCUS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

1200 DEPART FOR AMMAN.

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3. REQUEST CODEL COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS ON FOREGOING
SCHEDULE.

4. REQUEST DETAILS OF FLIGHT PLAN SOONEST IN ACCORDANCE
WITH FOREIGN CLEARANCE GUIDE SO THAT WE CAN OBTAIN
NECESSARY SYRIAN CLEARANCES. IF FUEL REQUIRED IN
DAMASCUS, PLEASE ADVISE QUANTITY AND FUND CITE FOR
PAYMENT. SYRIAN AUTHORITIES DO NOT ACCEPT
CREDIT CARDS OR SUBSEQUENT BILLING FOR GASOLINE. WE
WILL ALSO NEED TO KNOW IF THERE REQUIREMENT FOR STAIRS.

5. IF HOTEL ROOMS REQUIRED FOR CREW, PLEASE ADVISE
SOONEST AS THERE IS ACUTE SHORTAGE OF HOTEL SPACE IN
DAMASCUS DURING SUMMER MONTHS.

6. IF VAN DUSEN OR OTHERS WOULD PREFER TO MEET
WITH SYRIAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICIALS INSTEAD OF
KHADDAM/ASSAD PLEASE ADVISE. WE WILL ARRANGE MEETINGS.
MINECONOMY IMADI HAS BEEN INVITED TO AMBASSADOR'S DINNER.

7. SUMMER CLIMATE IN DAMASCUS IS HOT (90'S) AND DRY BUT
COOLER IN EVENING. NORMAL SYRIAN WORKING HOURS ARE 0800-

1400. SHOPS IN SUMMER ARE OPEN 1000-1400 AND 1700-2030.
DAMASCUS MUSEUM IS OPEN SATURDAY-SUNDAY 0900-1300 AND
1600-1900.
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